

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2949  
AMCONSUL FRANKFURT

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SY CHANNEL

DEPT FOR A/SY/OPS/FO, A/SY/CC, AND A/SY/SAS  
FRANKFURT FOR RSS

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ASEC  
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE RECON PENETRATION BY UNIDENTIFIED ARAB

1. ON 18 OCTOBER 77 AT APPROXIMATELY 1625 HOURS THREE ARAB MALES ENTERED THE EMBASSY REQUESTING TO SEE THE AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE. THE AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE WAS NOTIFIED AND SINCE NO APPOINTMENT HAD BEEN MADE, INQUIRED AS TO THEIR BUSINESS. THEY ADVISED THAT THEY WANTED INFORMATION ON FERTILIZER. THE AG ATTACHE ADVISED THEM VIA THE RECEPTIONIST THAT HE ONLY HANDLES COMMODITIES, ETC. AND THAT HE SHOULD TALK TO ECON.

2. SUSPECT WAS ALLOWED TO ENTER AND PROCEED TO THIRD FLOOR COMMERCIAL LIBRARY WITHOUT PRODUCING ANY IDENTIFICATION FOR RECEPTIONIST.

3. AG ATTACHE RECEIVED A CALL FROM ECON/COMMERCIAL LIBRARY SHORTLY THEREAFTER STATING THAT THE SUSPECT WANTED INFORMATION ON FERTILIZER. AG ATTACHE WENT IMMEDIATELY TO LIBRARY AND TOOK THE SUSPECT TO HIS OFFICE WHICH IS ADJACENT TO C&R. AG ATTACHE ASKED WHERE SUSPECT WAS FROM AND WHO HE REPRESENTED. SUSPECT REPLIED  
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THAT HE WAS FROM JORDAN AND STATED THAT HE REPRESENTED THE EITHER CHASE BANK OR THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK. SOURCE WAS NOT SURE OF EXACT REPLY. SOURCE ASKED WHAT HE COULD DO FOR SUSPECT. SUSPECT ASKED IF HE HAD ANY FERTILIZER MAGAZINES. SOURCE REPLIED NO THE ONLY THING HE HAD WAS STATISTICS ON FERTILIZER PRODUCTION. SUSPECT REPLIED YEAH\* THAT'S WHAT I WANT. AG ATTACHE XEROXED A COUPLE OF PAGES FROM AG YEARBOOK THEN ESCORTED SUSPECT TO LOBBY

WHERE HE OBSERVED TWO OTHER ARABS WAITING FOR THE SUSPECT.

4. AG ATTACHE STATED THAT HE BECAME SUSPICIOUS WHEN SUSPECT STATED HE REPRESENTED BANK AND AS THE CONVERSATION CONTINUED, IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT HE HAD NOT COME TO SEE HIM FOR ANY LEGITIMATE REASON AND THAT ONCE HE GOT TO SEE THE AG ATTACHE HE WASN'T SURE WHAT HE SHOULD DO.

5. AG ATTACHE DESCRIBED SUSPECT AS 28-30 YEARS OLD, 6 FEET, THIN, DARK COMPLECTED, MEDIUM BUILD, MUSTACHE, WELL GROOMED APPEARANCE, AND WAS WEARING DARK GLASSES.

6. POLICE NOTIFIED BY RSO AND EMBASSY SY MEASURES TIGHTENED. VISITOR PASS/ESCORT SYSTEM IMPLEMENTED. MSG POST #1 REINFORCED DET. ON QUASI ALERT STATUS.

7. THIS MESSAGE IS FOR INFO ONLY.  
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